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## Tony Snow

Tony began his love of dogs and bird hunting at the age of five when his Dad would carry him on his shoulders out to the duck blind or walk along side of each other, while either Springer flushed upland game. As an adult, Tony became interested in field trials to get his Labrador some exercise outside of the hunting season. After entering his dog in its first field trial the rest, as they say, is 38 years of history.

His accomplishments included winning the 1972 Top Derby Dog Award, placing FC'AFC's on a number of dogs and qualifying for many Nationals. He served as President of the Northwest Retriever Club, was instrumental in the startup, and served as President of the Mission Valley Retriever Club. He acquired 98 judging points and participated in several judges' clinics around the country.

On a National level, Tony made significant contributions to the sport by serving as President twice (95 & 99) and Secretary/Treasurer six years (02-08) for the National Retriever Club. He attended 47 Open or Amateur Nationals, often running his qualified dog, but always working on a committee, and in 1988 he judged the National in Duncan, OK. For several years, Tony worked on the National Field Trial Rules Committee, for 10 years he was the West Coast Representative for the Annual Purina Awards and he was a member for years of his favorite organization, the National Gunners Guild.

Tony was very fortunate to have truly loved the sport, he enjoyed great friendships and an exciting lifestyle for many years. His legacy was set by example, he believed strongly that dogs should be judged utilizing their natural abilities and that the success of the sport largely depended upon individuals spending their time and effort supporting their local club and Nationals.

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